



Nov 26, 1988

Dear Mr Newman

With our Compliments We are enclosing
an album of Photographs taken during your
Visit to our home in Louisville Ky.

Thank you for Coming and being a part
of this great event.

The Invasion of Louisville
during the A.N.A Convention

July 23, 1988

Armand Champa

*If you are planning to attend this year's A.N.A. convention
in Cincinnati, Kay and I would love to have you visit
Louisville on Saturday morning, July 23, to join us for
dinner and to view my library and talk about books.*

*This year's A.N.A. Biblio meeting will be on Friday at 2:00 p.m.
Our guest speakers are Martin Gengerki, Nancy Green and Eric Newman.
The next day, July 23, a Greyhound bus will be leaving the A.N.A.
at 10:00 a.m. for Louisville (an hour and 20 minute drive).
Brunch and drinks will be served till . . . with dinner at 6:00 p.m.
The bus will return to Cincinnati after dinner.*

R.S.V.P. 425-9236

Armand and Kay Champa

























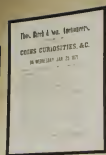
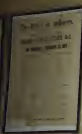
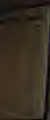


















































































































































































THE INVASION of LOUISVILLE

A SERENDIPITOUS
BIBLIO — CURRENCE
ON JULY 23, 1988



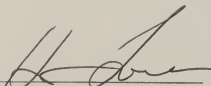
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OF
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A VISIT TO THE ARMAND CHAMPA LIBRARY

A VERY SHORT STORY
WITH LOTS OF PICTURES

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A
VISIT
TO THE

NUMISMATIC LITERATURE
LIBRARY

of

ARMAND CHAMPA

in

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

A VISIT TO THE ARMAND CHAMPA NUMISMATIC LIBRARY

It was referred to by some as the Invasion of Louisville, conjuring up visions of some Civil War battle won by one side or the other. It was far from a battle, but it did represent a high-water mark in the annals of numismatic bibliophilia for bibliomaniacs from all parts of the U.S.A. The invitees arrived, not by horse, on foot, or on troop trains, but in Old Charter # 2015, a Greyhound Bus. They had assembled anticipatorially in a hotel lobby in Cincinnati on the morning of July 23, 1988, armed with little more than a desire to share a completely unique experience. It would rival a visit to the now-dispersed Eliasberg coin collection, for if there exists anywhere a rarer, more complete, finer condition, magnificently bound assemblage of numismatic literature, it has to be only in the fantasies of the mind.

It was an interesting, albeit eclectic, group that disembarked at the Armand Champa home that day. There were authors, editors, publishers, collectors, dealers, bookbinders, booksellers, booklovers, big and small, wealthy and not so wealthy, male and female, all with the common denominating appreciation of the printed word. Since a picture is judged to be valued at about 1,000 words, and since I had used up my quota of words on the bus trip, I loaded my camera and attempted to colorize my photos with sub-titles, which I sincerely hope will be taken in the manner in which they were intended.

They are tongue-in-cheek, irreverent, funny, not-so-funny, out-of-context, and so very esoteric in most cases that it will do absolutely no good whatever to show this publication to your friends, since you will inevitably find yourself saying something trite and cliché like "Well, I guess you just had to be there." So instead, sit down alone in your own library and peruse the photos, while you laugh at everyone else's and complain that the camera angle didn't flatter you and what did he mean by that nasty remark, anyway. Keeping in mind all of the preceding commentary, enjoy these snapshots of time-stood-still, while I apologize, JUST ONE TIME, here at the beginning, for what surely must have been a typographical error under YOUR picture. I hope the memories they retrieve for you are as pleasant as my recollections of that unforgettable day.



Myron Xenos

THOSE WHO WERE THERE
ALPHABETICALLY, AND HOPEFULLY WITHOUT OMISSION

JIM ADAMS
MR. & MRS. VINCENT ALONES
MARK AUERBACH
KEN BARR
MR. & MRS. JOHN (MARY) BERGMAN
DEL BLAND
MR. & MRS. REMY (AVIS) BOURNE
JOHN BURNS
JACK COLLINS
CHARLES DAVIS
SANDE ELLISON
JOHN FORD
GORDON FROST
GEORGE FULD
MARTIN GENGGERKE
MR. & MRS. ALAN (MAUREEN) GRACE
NANCY GREEN
CARLING GRESHAM
JOHN HUFFMAN
WAYNE HOMREN
MR. & MRS. FRANK (LAURESE) KATEN
BRUCE KESSE
GEORGE KOLBE
KEN LOWE
COL. WILLIAM BAIN MURRAY
ERIC NEWMAN
JESS PATRICK
JEFF PECK
ROGER PERSICILLI
MR. & MRS. DICK PUNCHARD
MP. & MRS. JULES REIVER
JEFF ROCK
SCOTT RUBIN
BYRD SAYLOR
MIKE SULLIVAN
BARFY TAYMAN
BOB WESTER
CAL WILSON
MYRON XENOS
and the CHAMPAS, ARMAND & KAY



CAN YOU SAY BUS?



WHY IS EVERYTHING IN PLASTIC?



WATCH MY LIPS-THIS IS WHAT
AN EDSSEL GRILL LOOKS LIKE.



AHH, PENTHOUSE MAGAZINES.



IS THIS CHECK GOOD?



WHADIDESAY?



DON'T TELL ANYONE-THESE
ARE BOUND PLAYBOYS.



I'M SORRY, I BELIEVE
THIS IS MY SEAT.



I WANT TO SELL YOU A BUS NOW.



WATCH ME DO MEHL'S SIGNATURE.



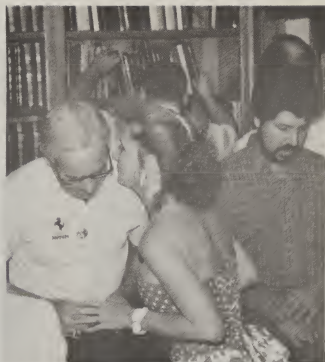
WHEN I SAW WHAT HE PAID FOR IT,
I GAVE HIM THE BIRD.



I THINK HE JUST LEAKED.



GET A PIZZA FOR 50.



WITH THIS CROWD, WE BETTER
GET A PIZZA FOR 100.



AND THIS WAS SYLVESTER CROSBY'S
FICUS TREE.



20 BUCKS FOR ANY BOOK ON
THE TABLE.



WAIT, IT'S SHUFFLE, SHUFFLE,
STEP, STEP.



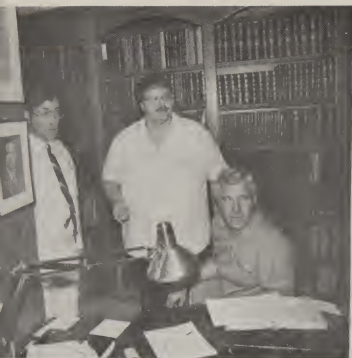
THIANS GO BETTER WITH COKE.



I'VE ALWAYS DEPENDED ON
THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS.



THE MUSIC STOPPED-THIS IS
MY CHAIR.



WE'RE FROM THE I.R.S., WE'RE
HERE TO HELP YOU.



SELL ALL MY BOOKS, I'M
STAYING IN LOUISVILLE.



WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE SOX,
ALLEN?



BIBLIO-SOX



THERE IS A PRECEDENT HERE
SOMEWHERE.



HERE'S MY LIBRARY CARD.



I'LL TRADE YOU 2 CHAPMANS
FOR 3 MEHLS.



I'LL NEVER GO BACK TO MY
LIBRARY NOW.



THIS ONE COULD MAKE A 5 DAY
MINI-SERIES.



B. MAX WHO?



THERE ONCE WAS A BIBLIOPHILE
FROM NANTUCKET.....



SOMEDAY SON, THIS WILL ALL
BE YOURS.



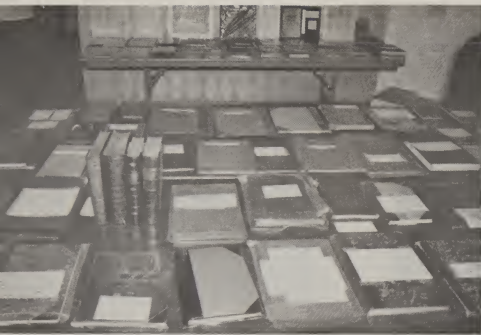
AND THE LINENS GO IN THIS
CLOSET.



WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE BOOK
THIS BOOKPLATE GOES IN!

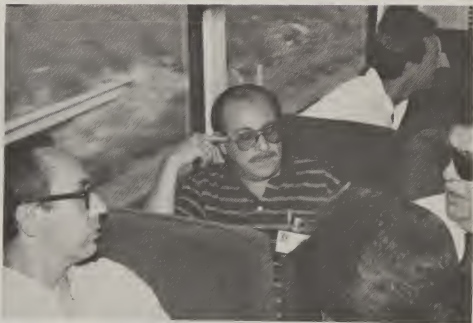


AND I THOUGHT DISNEY WORLD
WAS FASCINATING.



56 DEAD COWS.

IF I HEAR THAT STORY 1
MORE TIME.....



AND HOW LONG HAS YOUR HAND
BEEN STUCK TO YOUR CHIN?



GOSH, I ONL. USED TO CHARGE
25¢ EACH FOR THESE.



I CAN SELL YOU THIS MS-67
FOR 10 BACK OF BID.



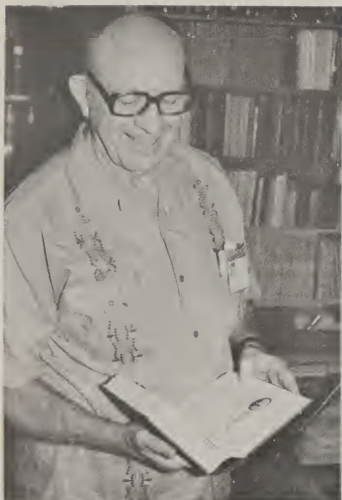
BIBLIO-BELLY.



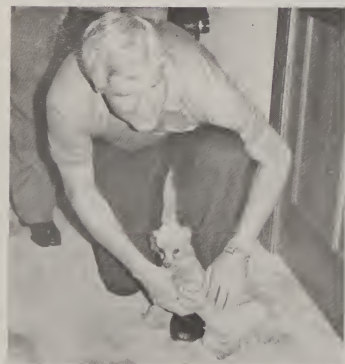
I THOUGHT SHE WAS WITH YOU.



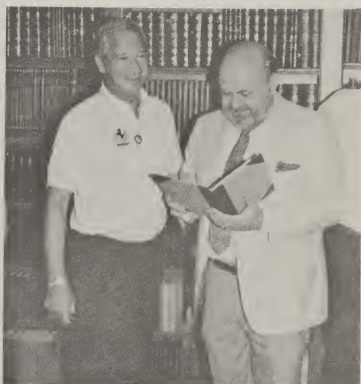
FINE CORINTHIAN LEATHER.



TURN TO PAGE 158 IN YOUR
HYMNALS, LET'S ALL SING.



GO WE-WE ON HIS ORMSBY.



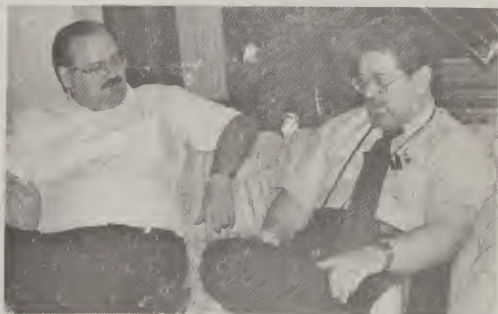
BOY, LOOK AT THOSE DOUBLOONS.



WELL, IT'S A POCKET
EDITION, ISN'T IT?



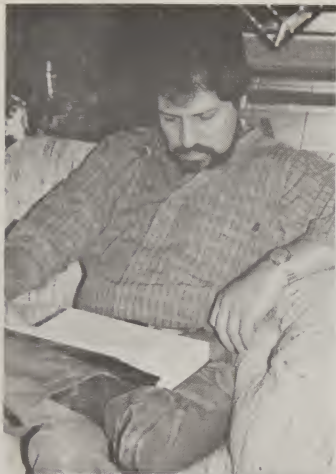
AVIS, WHAT IS MARC HOFMAN'S
ADDRESS?



I PREFER JAZZERSIZE
TO THE TRIATHALON.



THE 1916 QUARTER IS A D-CUP.



THEN PAPA BEAR SAID, "WHOSE
BEEN EATING MY PORRIDGE?"



1 1/2 HOURS BY BUS & I
HAVE TO ORDER PIZZA.



THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT
TO MARKET.



ALL THESE PAGES ARE BLANK!



MAKE THE CHECK TO CASH.



THE WOGS GAVE US A FRIGHTFUL
BEATING IN THE BOER.



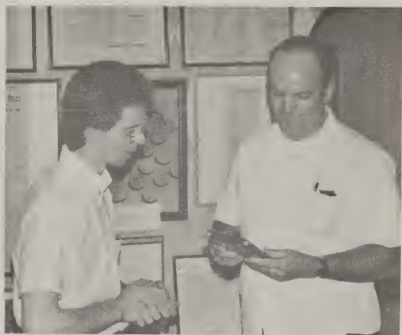
ARMANDS REAL LIBRARY.



SEE SPOT RUN. RUN, SPOT, RUN.



THIS IS MY SPEED READING MEDAL.



I'VE GOT 2 PETE ROSE, 1 BABE RUTH & A SYLVESTER CROSBY.



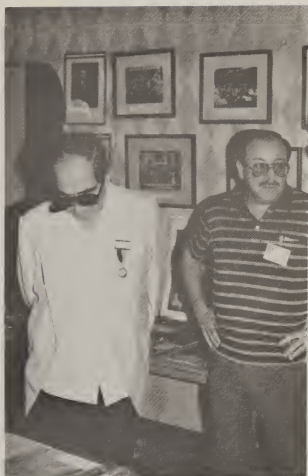
A LITTLE COFFEE WON'T HURT YOUR OLD BOOK.



SHHH. THIS MAKES A PLACE SETTING FOR 8.



SORRY SIR, WE'LL HAVE TO
INSPECT THAT PACKAGE.



BOOK HIM, DANO.



TONIGHT , WE HAVE A REALLY
BIG "SHEW".



I'VE ORDERED 50 PINK
FLAMINGOS SHIPPED IN.



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DEAR MR CHAMPA:

MY BROTHER AND I ARE EXTREMELY UPSET THAT WE WERE NOT INVITED TO YOUR AFFAIR. WE DEMAND THE RETURN OF ALL OUR CATALOGS ESPECIALLY THE PLATED ONES AND BID BOOKS.

RESPECTFULLY,

S.H. & H CHAPMAN

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